

- SUBJECT:** Authorizing cosmetology schools to administer practical examinations
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Geren, Harless, Hernandez, Herrero, Kuempel, Paddie
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Guillen, K. King, S. Thompson
- WITNESSES:** For — Brandon Martin, Avenue Five Institute (*Registered, but did not testify*); Rick Dennis, AI-South, PMTS-Texas; Jerry Valdez, Career Colleges and Schools of Texas; Traci Berry, Goodwill Central Texas; David Anderson, Ogle School; Lori Henning, Texas Association of Goodwills; Russell Withers, Texas Conservative Coalition)
- Against — None
- On — Shawndelle Harrington, Cosmetology Instructors in Public Schools (*Registered, but did not testify*); Raymond Pizarro, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code ch. 1603 subch. F permits the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to accept, develop, or contract for licensing and certification examinations for barbering and cosmetology, including the administration of the exams. Examinations may include a practical component that can be administered by TDLR or contractors.
- Some have noted that barbering and cosmetology students must travel from their school to a third-party location to take the practical examination, incurring extra cost and delaying licensure.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2698 would authorize barber schools, private beauty culture schools, and public secondary or postsecondary beauty culture schools to

administer practical examinations required for barbering and cosmetology licensure. Schools would have to be approved to administer the exams by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.